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THE ANSWER MAN

(Albert C. Mitchell)

STATION WOR—1440 BROADWAY

New York, N. Y.

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7:30 P. M.

May 14, 1937

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator
Am. Numismatic Society
Broadway & 156
New York, NY.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Burnett of the Museum of the American Indian, referred me to you in connection with some information about a translation on an Indian medal.

The words the writer wanted to know are "Wah-She" on the medal on the left of this tracing.

If it would not be too much trouble, I should like to have the entire translation on this medal as I have an idea others will be asking me for it. If you give them, please return this tracing so I will know what they come from.

Reply envelope enclosed.

If I can ever be of assistance to you in supplying you with information on almost any subject, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Yours very truly,

Albert C. Mitchell

medals given by Edward Knox Elder, an Indian
Trader at the Pawhuska, Okla. to Osage Indians.
Head of the leading Osage chief Wah-shu-Hah
(Bacon Round)

Inscription

Wah Shuh Shu (Osage) Kah He Kah (Chief)
Wah Shu Hah (Bacon Round) (the name of the chief).
me Kah Shin Kah. (Little Coon) (the name of E. K. Elder).
E ko wah e tah pe (Friend of Osages) o' moie kah tha
1911 (year 1911)

May 15, 1937

Mr. Albert C. Mitchell,
Station WOR,
1440 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of May 14th at hand. The information concerning the medal of which we are returning the rubbing is as follows:

These medals, in several different metals, were given as personal presents by Edward Knox Elder, an Indian Trader at the Pawhuska Reservation, Oklahoma, to Osage Indians with whom he was very friendly. The portrait on the medal is that of the leading Osage Chief, Wah-She-Hah (Bacon Rind).

The inscription on the medal is as follows:

Wah Shah She (Osage) Kah He Kah (Chief)
Wha She Hah (Bacon Rind) (the name of the Chief)
Me Kah Shin Kah (Little Coon, the name of E. K. Elder)
Wah Shah She (Osage)
Ekko wah e tah pe (Friend of Osages) O'Moie Kah tha 1911 (Year 1911)

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks

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7:30 P. M.

May 19, 1937

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator
The American Numismatic Society
Broadway Between 155th and 156th St.
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Wood:

I am deeply grateful to you for the information about the Indian medal. I received a letter yesterday from one of my listeners and he says:

"65 Beach St.
Bridgeport, Conn.

Dear Sir:

I have in my possession an English silver coin dated 1711 in fine condition. This coin was made during the reign of Queen Anna. I was told the English government would purchase this coin for exhibition in their public museums. If this is not possible, do you know of any coin collector who would care to purchase it? Would like to know the value if you can tell from the copy.

Oblige
William Maginn"

I am enclosing a rubbing that my listener sent me and if this coin is unusual I suggest that you write Mr. Maginn and please send me a copy of your reply in the enclosed envelope.

I get many inquiries about coins of all types. I have been sending them to a dealer and would not annoy you with all of them, but when I see something like this one I wonder if you would care to be bothered with these. If not, please do not hesitate to say so.

Yours very truly,

Albert Mitchell

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May 22, 1937

Mr. Albert Mitchell,
Station WOR,
1440 Broadway, NYC

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Herewith is our answer to William Maginn.

We do not mind answering serious questions but we do not pretend to answer letters that concern only what a coin is worth. When the letter involves the identification of a coin, or the history of the piece, etc., we would be very glad to reciprocate. However, we do not care to have you broadcast that we supply such information as we have as much correspondence as we can adequately handle, especially as we make no charge.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks
encl.